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REAR—No. 21, and DWELLING, No. 21, on
STREET, close to CAMERON-STREET,
containing a large lot of built-up
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and a large lot of built-up
rooms, kitchen, and washin. Land 72
feet wide, and 100 feet deep. A message,
and a large lot of built-up

RICHARDSON and WHELAN, Limited,
at auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY,
at 11.30 a.m.

The Government of Freehold at Malacca
BY ORDER OF ADMINISTRATORS

Lot 1. WARELEV.—Villa Site, No. 1, to An-
stant, Inc. A few feet from Netherburn-street,
containing a large lot of built-up
28, Chatterfield street, each side to 31
feet wide, and 100 feet deep. In bu-
ing in front, and containing a large
Lot 2. CHURCH.—Corner Site, 60 ft.
feet wide, and 100 feet deep.

RICHARDSON and WHELAN, Limited,
at auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY,
at 11.30 a.m.

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In response to a general request, with much pleasure we are announcing a **PUBLIC MEETING**, to be held at the **Hotel Marlborough**, on **WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1, 1930**, at **8:00 P. M.** The subject of the meeting will be the **Welfare of the Lower East Side**, and as a **feature**, the **Address** of **THE HONORABLE JAMES G. HANCOCK**, Mayor of New York.

J. R. PALMER, Town Clerk.

A. STADLHARDT, Manager, FIRE INSURANCE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the **Head Office**, corner of **Pitt and King Streets**, on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1930**, at **11:30 A. M.** The **Report of the Directors for the Year ended 31st March 1930** will be read, and the **Accounts** of the Company, **J. R. PALMER** by nomination, but not eligible for re-election, and **W. H. G. BROWN** by nomination, but not eligible for re-election, and to transact such other business as may be referred to the meeting.

Terms of the Notice of Meeting.

By order of the Directors, the undersigned,
G. HOWARD FOSTER.

Pitt and King Streets, Sydney,
April 19th, 1930.

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MEETING of the above Company will be held at the **Hotel Commodore**, New York City, on **THURSDAY, the 18th MAR, 1937, for the purpose of electing two additional trustees in pursuance of the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation.** Extraordinary Meeting being held on the 18th April 1941.

Dated the 18th day of March, 1937.

C. C. TAYLOR, MGR.

ILLAWARRA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

A HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the **Hotel Commodore**, Sydney, on **WEDNESDAY, the 24th MARCH, 1937, at 11 a.m.** for the purpose of receiving and considering a Report from the Board.

To Elect Three Directors on the basis of Warrant of Appointment of the Registrar of Companies, of whom are eligible for re-election.

To Approve the Accounts for the preceding year.

To Approve the Dividend for such year.

Resolutions may be moved and carried in relation to the business of the meeting in terms of the Listing of Securities.

HUDEY MANNING, Acting Managing Director

ILLAWARRA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Dated March, 1937.

C. C. McTAVISH, J. D. BURBIDGE and E. R. EAGAN, Joint Secretaries, the requisite number of the Board.

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THE UNITED INSURANCE COMPANY,
Head Office: CURRIER OF BUILDING AND HUN-
TER STREET, SYDNEY.

NOTICE is hereby given that on INTERIM DI-
VIDENDS at the rate of 10 per cent. (10% per cent.) will be
paid on the half-year ending 30th April 1934 to the
holders of the ordinary shares on or after THIS DAY (Monday)
1st April.

By the order of the Board,
J. H. M. MCINTYRE, Secretary.

THE BROKEN HILL PROSPECTORY

NOTICE is hereby given that the 120th DI-
VIDEND of ONE SHILLING per share, amount-
ing quarterly to ONE SHILLING and six pence (1s. 6d.)
on the ordinary shares of the Company, will be
paid on the 1st day of May 1934 to the holders of the
ordinary shares on or after that day.

McBurness and Adelaide; at the back of Adelaide
Sydney, Devon Hill, Port Fern, and Robert,
Smith, Furness, and Smith's, London. The Tinsmith
in Melbourne and London since on W.E. & A. John
May, 1901.

F. M. DICKENSON, Genl.
Melbourne, 20th April, 1901.

POULTRY, DOGS, &c.

THE FIFTY FIVE GUINEAS. Apply to the
owner, Mr. North Street.

ON FRIDAY, at 10.30, at 50
 Victoria Arcade.

DALWOOD AND CO.,
have received instructions from the VERN
sell as above.

WITHOUT ANY RESERVE,
IMPERATIVE SALE—On the premises, No
colony avenue, at 2.30 p.m., **GENERAL HOUSE**
FURNITURE and **EFFETS**, A **curtain** **Chaise**
Tables, &c.

DALWOOD AND CO., Ltd. have received instructions
to sell as above. **WITHOUT ANY RESERVE**

THIS DAY, MONDAY, at 2 o'clock.
H. LEVY will be auctioneer, at 133 Regent-st.
and will also hand **Charming, Beautiful, Dressing**
Room, Toilet Suite, Dressing Gown, &c.

BY order of the Mortgagee.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCE, Limited, will
sell at auction at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on **FRIDAY**
APRIL 11 at 11 o'clock.

The above Property at Chatswood, on the
Shore Highway.

GLEBE-STREET, GLEBE.

**LAND, 200 ft. frontage, near Day-street, by depot
back to lane, close to Hannett's bakery. G
quantity of shed footings.**

AUCTION SALE: ON FRIDAY, 11th MAY,
at 11 o'clock.

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Tenders.
JAMES RANBY and CO.
 Tenders for the construction of a new building for the purpose of housing the Sydney City Council, to be erected on the site of the old City Hall, on the corner of the Market and George Streets, Sydney. The plans and specifications are to be seen at the office of the Engineer-in-Chief, Sydney, on and after the 19th inst. Tenders to be submitted to the Engineer-in-Chief, Sydney, on or before the 26th inst. The lowest and best tender will be accepted.

BAKEWELL BROS.
 Manufacturers of
 Double and Triple Bedsteads,
 Drawers, Trunks, and other
 Furniture, and all kinds of
 Upholstery, in the most
 modern and artistic style.
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The Secretary, and held at the Western House of Arts building at St James's.

Works were undertaken at a handsome rate, and visitors were present.

A committee was appointed to refer to the political situation and the Government.

An officer of the annual inspection and his wife arrived here last night from Sydney Joseph Banks Grosvenor, Esq., who has been in command.

The ship of the regiment was held at 81 King-street, yesterday. The Rev. Mr. Williams, and about 300 men attended.

The churches of the city and its suburbs are crowded by special services were presented by the Sydney City Mission.

The Annual Meeting of the Australian Athletic Association will be held in the Town Hall last evening next week.

Addresses were delivered by Mrs. Macdonald Brown.

In the city and suburbs yesterday morning there occurred a severe rain storm.

Burials reported 69 deaths; total burials fallen, Wednesday 20, and today.

Of strong made a raid on S.M. Hines' store, on the second floor, and secured 110 persons on one of the gaming lawns.

That cause of gutting are being commenced. A number of Curlew and snipe on Friday night until their horns.

THE AGRI-CULTURAL RETURNS.

The year's agricultural returns are on the whole satisfactory. One feature is not exactly so, for the area under cultivation has declined 3838 acres. How we are to account for this it is difficult to say. But the attention directed towards agriculture during the past eighteen months have doubtless had an influence in causing it. Many correspondents have informed us of the withdrawal of farm and station hands from the country. The weakening of the labour power necessarily would reduce the ability to cultivate land. In the previous decade of the nineteenth century the pressure upon rural cultural development was greatly retarded by the drifting of agricultural labourers from the country to construct railways and public works at higher wages than could be offered by farmers to grow wheat and till the soil. Land at that time in consequence went out of production as the portion of the experience can only be attended with the disadvantage which then followed, and which ultimately culminated in serious disaster to the country.

As against this, fortunately, there was a good season. For several years previously the areas of land brought under cultivation increased by leaps and bounds, being more productive of crops than ever before. But the climatic conditions deprived the agriculturists of the full benefit of their work. The wheat harvest, which occupied the great bulk of the fresh area ploughed, had one unfavourable season after another. The average of the five years ended 1900 was only 9·2 bushels per acre. The high prices and yield of 1906 produced a very fine return—a good return to the grain, but on the whole the cultivated acreage was not favoured by the weather. The past year has been the first in which, from the greatly enlarged areas, was obtained a yield corresponding with what was formerly secured under limited cultivation. What now stands out pre-eminent among the products of the cultivated land of this State, of the total area under crop amounting to 2,437,000 acres, it counts for 1,532,000 acres, or 62 per cent. Favoured by the weather, a yield of 10½ bushels per acre was gathered last year. It may be doubted whether under ordinary conditions this represents more than an average crop. However abundant the yield of 16,000 tons of bushels brings the State nearer to parity with the wheat-producing States of Australia. It is true that the area sown is still 470,000 acres less than in Victoria, and about 750,000 acres less than in South Australia. But our area gives a harvest only 1,720,000 bushels short of that of the former colony, and absolutely about 3,000,000 bushels in excess of that of the latter.

Of other grains the yield was not so favourable, but as compared with an increase of 2,465,000 bushels of wheat there was only a decrease of 378,000 bushels, chiefly resulting by a decline in maize of 304,000 bushels. Of hay crops there was a reduction of 31,000 tons, of potatoes one of 18,000 tons, and tobacco 40,000 lbs. On fruit crops grapes, oranges, fruit, and market garden produce the yield was larger. On the whole the figures point to a return of from a third to half a million sterling in excess of the previous year's yield from agricultural operations.

"While on the whole 1899-1901 was a good year for the agriculturist, it is better known for the grainer that that of 1899-1900. It was the first year in the last ten in which there was an all-round increase in the flocks and herds of the State. Year after year the number of sheep declined. From 61,831,000 in the State in 1891, there were only 36,218,000 in 1899. The reduced numbers resulted from the competition of much higher prices. The graziers from their small flocks had one of the best seasons they had known for many years. Against the fall in prices this year they have an increment of 3,400,000 sheep. Only in the western plains was there a diminution in the number for the year. There drought still lingers. Its effects are seen everywhere. At some places that against 16,468,000 sheep depasturing there in 1891, but 6,346,000 could be counted in 1900. The western plains have thus become a much less important pastoral area than they were in 1891. Where they grazed over 26 per cent. of the flocks of the State now they hold but 10 per cent. of the flock. This is due largely to the fact that wealth is now more strongly found in the better watered regions of the territory, it is less likely to be subject to the serious losses which occurred in the late decade of the nineteenth century. The conclusion is a reasonable one that sheep grazing has seen its worst phase for some time to come—especially if the American cattle trade continues depressed. In that event the substitution of agriculture on the scale noticed for some years past does not become so necessary. When pastoral enterprise flourished in New South Wales the colony was never more prosperous."

The loss of horned cattle during the decade, though considerably less represented by reduction from 2,665,000 in 1894 to 1,367,000 in 1899, equal to 21 per cent, as compared with a decline of 41 per cent. in the number of the sheep. The explanation of the difference is that a smaller proportion of the cattle depature in the far outlying drought-stricken districts. Only about 21 per cent. of the cattle of the State are now bred in the western district where the southern slopes of the tablelands and Riverina are sloped by 15 per cent. of the whole are depastured there, while 66 per cent. of the whole of the flocks of the State are in these areas. This serves to explain in a large measure how the mortality among sheep has been so much greater than among horned cattle. Under such circumstances the position of the farmer's return of horned cattle showed an increase of 8000 head as compared with that of 1899. For mere fattening purposes, however, some 12,000 head of cattle less than in 1899 were reared. It was due to an addition of 20,000 to the dairy herd, now numbering 480,000, the net result added to 8000 to the number of the horses kept in the returns. Under the influence of a good season, and with high prices in England and a growing home market, development in dairying enterprise must be looked for. It is most pronounced in the coast districts, where 280,000 are maintained, an increase of 95,000 in nine years. In the interior also the industry shows signs of absolute revival. In 15,000 head in the number of dairy cattle within nine years, though in 1900 they shared in the general increase of 20,000 head to the extent of 8000 head.

The rearing of horses is not a growing industry in New South Wales. Each year since 1894 has shown a steady decline, and in 1899 the number of the stock, however, was considerably reduced by shipments to South Africa, and would but for that fact have exceeded the number of 482,900 shown in that year. A good market for our horse stock would doubtless encourage

breeders to devote increasing attention to their studs. So far the raising of swine is comparatively stationary, the number of pigs numbered 558,827, though 16,000 more than in 1899, being fewer than in some other years of the decade. The development of dairying enterprise will probably increase the number of swine. In all three branches—the agricultural, the dairying, and the pastoral—the year was a more favourable one than has been enjoyed for some time past.

THE CENSUS RETURNS.

The metropolitan census returns, of which we give an abstract elsewhere, suggest several points of interest besides those conveyed in the actual figures. The most striking feature of the returns is, of course, the marked increase in population they disclose, which is reaching like 50,000 in excess of the estimate. Ten years ago, when the previous census was taken, the population of 386,859 in the metropolitan district. This has now been increased by 102,106, or more than one-fourth. A total population of a little under 490,000 makes Sydney one of the greatest cities of the world in point of population, as well as seen by the interesting tabular statement of the various occupations practically establishes the superiority of the metropolis as the most populous city in Australasia, and in this connection it may be noted that our metropolitan success ratio does not embrace nearly so large an area as that of Greater Melbourne. Not the least interesting feature of the information now made available is the soundness of the stationary nature of population round Sydney. The many irregularities of access made available in recent years have had the effect of spreading out the population enormously. The consequence is that while anything like congestion in the city proper has been avoided, the increase in ten years only amounting to a little more than three per cent., the four-fifths of the population occupation compels them to spend more of their time in the city are enabled to enjoy the healthier surroundings of suburban homes. In considering the comparative rates of increase shown in the various suburbs, it should be remembered that it does not in all cases follow the same pattern. Some of the outer suburbs cannot do better in terms of return than others, even though they had the greater absolute increase of population, yet this part of the return will furnish some surprises.

THE WAR HORSEHOES.

Great interest will be felt in the list contained in our cables of the honours conferred by the King for distinguished service in the Boer war. A large proportion of these honours falls to Australian officers, and everybody who has followed the history of the war will admit that each distinction was thoroughly earned. Indeed, the fault to be found is that the authorities have not been sufficiently liberal in their bestowal of rewards. Take, for instance, the Army Medical Corps which was sent out by New South Wales, which was admitted by experts to be considerable, but few followed the history of any corps of the kind in the army. Colonel Williams, the commanding officer, has been made a C.B., though why he should not have been made a K.C.B. does not sufficiently appear. This latter title was conferred on Sir Thomas Fitzgibbon, whose services as honorary surgeon he followed the history of the war cannot be compared with those of the officer in command of the smartest medical corps in the army. We miss, too, the names of Dr. MacDonald and Dr. Scot-Skiving, each of whom did valuable work. It is of course not to be expected that distinctions can be given to every man who served bravely and courageously throughout as severely engaged conducted themselves so well. Even with this in consideration, the omissions from the list will strike the reader as remarkable, and most readers could suggest the names of men to whose work tribute has been given by their commanding officers, for which we now look in vain. However, a further appeal to your journal editors might be hoped that they will contain more of the expected names.

THE NEW HERBIDES.

It is welcome news that the London newspapers emphasise the danger of Great Britain pursuing a policy of drift with regard to the New Heribides. Not only those in Australia who are interested in missionary effort in the Pacific, but all who recognise the political importance of the British Empire, are anxious to see measures adopted to meet the new taken by the English press. With us the subject has almost become monotonous from the frequent repetition of the claims brought forward for the maintenance of adequate British control. Early this year a deputation waited on Mr. Barton, the Federal Premier, pointing out a number of existing evils, and suggesting a system of dual control, and asking for certain remedial measures. Mr. Barton informed the deputations that he fully recognised the importance of the question, and promised that representations would be made to the Imperial authorities. A little later a deputation from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand visited Mr. Pendergost of New Zealand in regard to the same subject. On both occasions complaints were made concerning the French method of acquiring land, and the suggestion was put forward that the Secretary of State be urged to appoint a commission to inquire into the alleged grievances. Mr. Seddon was of opinion that matters had reached a stage when immediate action on the part of the Imperial Government was required. Various deputations have pointed out from time to time to the heads of the different Australian States the difficulties under which Englishmen in the New Heribides laboured, and asked that some improvement should be effected. These reiterated demands have so far had little practical result. It is evident, however, that the state of some sort exists, and is taken to put an end to the friction that exist, and the attitude now adopted by the English press with regard to this question may lead to the inauguration of an improved regime.

Our Vienna Letter.—In this letter, published on another page, our correspondent explains how Austria has succeeded in getting rid of the Austro-Hungarian empire. He also writes about some new inventions and the fashions in the Austrian capital.

Woman's Letter from London.—This article, published above, contains particulars relative to the case of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. Other questions dealt with are the proposed memorial to the late Queen Victoria, the theme, and the tendency of the movement of wealthy parents to take up business of work.

Cabinet Meeting.—Now that the Ministers are in town, a meeting of the State Cabinet will be called soon. It is probable that some determination will be come to with respect to the meeting of Parliament.

Returns of State Ministers.—Mr. Sullivan (Minister of Education) returned to Sydney on Saturday after his visit to the Northern districts of the colony. Amongst other towns called at were Newcastle, Maitland, Byron Bay, and Warrumbungle.

At Brisbane the Ministers were accorded a hearty reception, a great many members of Parliament making special efforts to meet them.

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